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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE, PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN'S TALKS WITH KOSYGIN AND BREZHNEV TOOK PLACE IN "FRIENDLY AND HARMONIOUS" ATMOSPHERE. MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WAS MAJOR TOPIC BUT TALKS ALSO COVERED CSCE, MBFR, DISARMAMENT IN GENERAL, BALTIC QUESTIONS, POLITICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN EC NINE AND RELATIONS BETWEEN EC AND COMECON. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION HE HAD THREE AND A HALF HOUR TALK WITH KOSYGIN OCT 15, IN WHICH GROMYKO PARTICIPATED, THREE-HOUR DISCUSSION WITH PARTY SECRETARY BREZHNEV OCTOBER 16, AND SHORT MEETING WITH PODGORNYY OCTOBER 17. WORKING-LEVEL MFA OFFICIAL BRIEFED EMB OFF ON THESE TALKS BASED ON DANISH AMBASSADOR'S REPORT FROM MOSCOW. REPORT, AS RECEIVED FROM MOSCOW, SUMMARIZED ALL THREE SETS OF TALKS WITH SEPARATE SECTION RESERVED FOR MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION OF JORGENSEN'S TALKS WITH BREZHNEV.

2. AFTER GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON WITH KOSYGIN, TALKS TURNED TO BILATERAL ISSUES, NOTABLY RECIPROCAL TRADE MATTERS, CULTURAL COOPERATION, AND AIR TRANSIT QUESTIONS (SAS DESIRE FOR OVERFLIGHT ROUTE TO CHINA). JORGENSEN, IN CSCE PORTION OF DISCUSSION, RAISED ISSUE OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, STATING THAT DENMARK WAS CONCERNED WITH APPARENT TIGHTENING OF POLICY IN USSR. KOSYGIN REPLIED THAT QUESTION OF THE SOVIET INTELLECTUALS WAS "NO PROBLEM". THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL MATTERS OF ANOTHER STATE SHOULD BE RESPECTED. MOREOVER, THERE WERE CONDITIONS IN WESTERN SOCIETY WHICH COULD BE CRITICIZED. HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IN USSR THERE EXISTED THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN, AND HE COMMENTED THAT DESPITE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION USSR CONTINUES TO GRANT EXIT PERMITS TO EMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL.

3. THE SOVIET SIDE UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE CONTACT WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE US. US-SOVIET AGREEMENTS WERE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY STATE AND KOSYGIN CALLED IT "INSANE IDEA" THAT THESE SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A US-USSR EFFORT TO GOVERN THE WORLD.
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4. ON MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, SOVIET SIDE CHARACTERIZED ISRAEL "UNRESERVEDLY" AS THE "AGGRESSOR". ANKER JORGENSEN COULD NOT AGREE TO THAT INTERPRETATION. DANISH REPORT NOTED THAT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPER-POWERS. THE SOVIET UNION WANTS A QUICK CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

IN THIS EVENT SOVIET UNION WAS READY TO "GUARANTEE" THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL. AT THIS POINT KOSYGIN EMPHASIZED THAT HIS REMARKS WERE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD BE CAREFULLY RESTRICTED.

5. ON DISARMAMENT, SOVIET SIDE MENTIONED ITS PROPOSED TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN MILITARY BUDGETS OF PERMANENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. DANISH SIDE PROMISED TO EXAMINE THE PROPOSAL BUT UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY OF EFFECTIVE CONTROL. MBFR WAS DISCUSSED BUT EMBOFF NOT BRIEFED ON THIS PORTION.

6. ON BALTIC MATTERS, BOTH SIDES WERE IN GREEMENT REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION AMOUNG ALL BALTIC STATES CONCERNING MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR IN HELSINKI ON MARINE POLLUTION PROBLEMS WAS MENTIONED. DANISH-SWEDISH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT BRIDGES OVER THE ORESUND AND THE GREAT BELT WERE DISCUSSED, WITH SOVIETS REQUESTING OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. DANISH SIDE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT BRIDGES WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THAT ALL INVOLVED PARTIES WOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW PLANS IN ADVANCE.

7. JORGENSEN EXPLAINED DANISH VIEWS REGARDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF EC COOPERATION, INCLUDING COOPERATION IN FOREIGN POLICY AREA. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND COMECON WERE DISCUSSED WITH SOVIET SIDE ADVANCING SOME IDEAS REGARDING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPRATION IN AREAS SUCH AS TARIFF DUTIES AND TRANSPORTATION AND CERTAIN PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY.

8. THE ABOVE SUMMARIZES ALL THREE CONVERSATIONS; FOLLOWING DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH TALK WITH BREZHNEV; BREZHNEV UNDERLINED HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF US-SOVIET AGREEMENTS. HE SAID SOVIET SIDE WOULD NOT STOP AT RESULTS ACHIEVED BUT TRY ALL POSSIBILITIES TO FURTHER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO ESTABLISH COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EC AND CONFIDENTIAL

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COMECON.

(COMMENT: MFA SOURCE STATED AT THIS POINT THAT DANISH SIDE HAD BEEN STRUCK BY FACT THAT KOSYGIN, IN CONTRAST TO BREZHNEV, SEEMED UNABLE TO APPRECIATE ARGUMENT THAT COMECON-EC COOPERATION WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO STRUCTURAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO ENTITIES.)

9. ON MIDDLE EAST, BREZHNEV SAID THAT SITUATION WAS "EXTREMELY COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT TO SOLVE". HE SAID ISRAEL DID NOT APPEAR WILL ING TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, THAT BOTH US AND USSR WERE WORRIED ABOUT SITUATION, AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT WANT TO IMPAIR ITS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US. HE STRESSED THAT SOVIET UNION HAD VOTED FOR ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AS AS STATE. HE WOULD APPRECIATE DENMARK'S CONTRIBUTING TO

FINDING A JUST SOLUTION.

10. COMMENT: MFA SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT JORGENSEN'S RESPONSE
OFFERING DANISH GOOD OFFICES WAS MERELY EXPRESSION OF GOOD WILL
WITHOUT SPECIFIC CONTENT.
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